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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for a tire comprising a substrate and an adhesive layer, wherein the adhesive layer includes a hot melt-type adhesive composition and satisfies the adhesive characteristics (A) and (B), where
 - (A) loop tack adhesion at 5°C is 14N/25mm or more, and
 - (B) loop tack adhesion at 40°C is 5N/25mm or more, and the hot melt-type adhesive composition comprises:
 - (C) 15 to 40% by weight of an ABA-type block copolymer.
- (D) 30 to 70% by weight of two or more types of a tackifier having different softening points and
 - (E) 10 to 40% by weight of plasticizer, as main components wherein,
- (C)' the hot melt-type adhesive composition is a mixture of styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer (SIS) as the ABA-type block copolymer and styrene-isoprene copolymer (SI) as an AB-type block copolymer, and the additional amount of the AB-type block copolymer is at least 30% by weight with respect to the overall weight and
- (D)' with at least one out of the (D) two or more types of a tackifier having different softening points being a tackifier with a softening point of 60 to 100°C as measured in accordance with JIS K 2207 standard.
- 2. (Original) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for a tire according to claim 1, wherein a holding power of the hot melt-type adhesive composition is in a range of 1,500 to 12,000 seconds as measured in accordance with JIS K 2207 standard.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for a tire according to claim I, wherein the ABA-type block copolymer has a content of polystyrene domain that is 20% by

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weight or less with respect to 100% by weight of the ABA-type block copolymer.

- 6. (Original) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for a tire according to claim 1, wherein the plasticizer is paraffin-base process oil.
- 7. (Original) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for a tire according to claim 1, wherein a metal layer is provided between the substrate and the adhesive layer.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for a tire including a substrate and an adhesive layer, comprising a step of forming the adhesive layer by applying a hot melt-type adhesive composition that satisfies adhesive characteristics (A) and (B) on the substrate, where
 - (A) loop tack adhesion at 5°C is 14N/25mm or more, and
 - (B) loop tack adhesion at 40°C is 5N/25mm or more,

and the hot melt-type adhesive composition comprises:

- (C) 15 to 40% by weight of an ABA-type block copolymer.
- (D) 30 to 70% by weight of two or more types of a tackifier having different softening points and
 - (E) 10 to 40% by weight of plasticizer, as main components wherein:
- (C)' the hot melt-type adhesive composition is a mixture of styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer (SIS) as the ABA-type block copolymer and styrene-isoprene copolymer (S1) as an AB-type block copolymer and the additional amount of the AB-type block copolymer is at least 30% by weight with respect to the overall weight and
- (D)' with at least one out of the (D) two or more types of a tackifier having different softening points being a tackifier with a softening point of 60 to 100°C as measured in accordance with JIS K 2207 standard.